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Attention: Jermaine R. Hannon

Attention: Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Hannon and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) transmits for your review and approval Amendment No. 9 to the Rural, Non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) portion of the California 2013 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration approve this amendment for inclusion into California's 2013 FSTIP.

Amendment No. 9 modifies six previously programmed stand alone and grouped projects, adds four new projects and deletes two projects, as described in ***Attachment 1, Summary of Changes***. The programming changes include:

**State and Local Elements:**

- Proj #1: Grouped Project Listing for Planning and Technical Studies (230-0000-0376) – Reduces funding by \$10,000 and revises the detailed backup listing. FHWA requested to create a new grouped project listing for Highway Bridge Program (HBP) plans and studies (See Proj 2 below).
- Proj #2: Grouped Project Listing for Activities that do not lead to Construction – Statewide HBP (230-0000-0395) – Programs a new grouped project listing for statewide funding of local bridge project studies and maintenance plans (See related Proj 1 above)
- Proj #3: Arbuckle Rail Depot Rehabilitation (230-0000-0396) – Programs new transportation enhancement project in Colusa County for \$373,000 in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transportation Enhancement funds.

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- Proj #5: Big Creek Road Rock Slope Protection (130-0000-1383) – Deletes this project from the FSTIP consistent with CTC approved STIP Amendment 12S-022. Project has been constructed using other funds. Reprogram \$600,000 of STIP funds to Proj #7 below.
- Proj #6: Bucks Lake Road Pavement Rehabilitation – Frenchman Hill to Grizzly Creek Bridge (130-0000-1079) – Deletes this project from the FSTIP consistent with CTC approved STIP Amendment 12S-022. Project has been constructed using other funds. Reprogram \$553,000 of STIP funds to Proj #7 below.
- Proj #7: Bucks Lake Road Pavement Rehabilitation – Snake Lake Road to State Creek Road (130-0000-2503) – Programs new project consistent with CTC approved STIP Amendment 12S-022. Total project cost is \$1,163,000 which includes STIP funds from Proj #s 5 & 6, and \$10,000 in local funds.
- Proj #10: Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Equipment Purchase (230-0000-0397) – Programs a new project to purchase four electric vehicles and charging equipment. Total project cost is \$135,000 which includes \$110,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program funds and \$25,000 in local funds.
- Proj #11: Grouped Projects for SHOPP Minor Program (230-0000-0320) – Carry over project from the prior FSTIP and programs new projects per CTC approved FY 2013/14 SHOPP Minor Program totaling \$27.8 million for various rural counties.
- Proj #12: Grouped Projects for Activities that do not lead to Construction – Statewide Bridge Inspection and Management Program (230-0000-0079) – Carry over project from the prior FSTIP and programs \$23.3 million for Caltrans Division of Structure and Maintenance biennial investigation of statewide bridge inspection and management program.

**Transit Element:**

- Proj #8: Grouped Project Listing for FTA 5311 Operating Assistance – Carry over project from the prior FSTIP and program new projects for various rural transit agencies consistent with FTA Grant CA-018-X059. Total project cost is \$16.4 million including local funds.
- Proj #9: Grouped Project Listing for FTA 5311f Capital Assistance – Carry over project from the prior FSTIP and program new projects for various rural transit agencies consistent with FTA Grant CA-018-X059. Total project cost is \$1.4 million including local funds.

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This amendment was made available for public review and comment for fourteen (14) days which began on June 13, 2013 and concluded on June 27, 2013. We received one minor comment for Proj #10: Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Equipment Purchase, to increase the amount of local funds from \$10,000 to \$25,000. This correction has been incorporated as part of this amendment submittal. The financial impact of this amendment is compatible with the anticipated revenues in the 2013 FSTIP Financial Plan and remains financially constrained as demonstrated in *Attachment 2, Financial Summary Tables*. In addition, there are no projects in this amendment that are included in any other amendment that is currently open for public review.

Based upon correspondence from FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

Projects in this amendment with funding beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP are included for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). In addition to being available in CTIPS, programming pages for each project are also enclosed for your ready reference.

Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination of projects for federal funding.

If you have any questions, please contact to Lilibeth Green of my staff, at (916) 654-3521, Email: Lilibeth\_Green@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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